

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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County Counsel
Chief Probation Officer
Executive Director of the Housing Authority

At its meeting held April 19, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Supervisor Antonovich's recommendation to direct the Chief Probation Officer, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority and County Counsel to review and confirm the facts relating to a tenant who resides at Orchard Arms, a Federally assisted senior and disabled housing complex owned and managed by the County, who was convicted of a sexual offense with a minor in January 2003, to enforce all appropriate actions and laws to remove this potential threat to the health, safety and welfare of Orchard Arms residents, the concerned school administrators, teachers and parents, and other residents in the Santa Clarita community; and to report back to the Board on a weekly basis until the issue is resolved.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following revised statement:

"Federal law prohibits the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles from admitting to any of its Federally-assisted housing complexes, an individual that is subject to lifetime registration as a sex offender.

"It has come to my attention that Orchard Arms in Santa Clarita, a Federally-assisted senior and disabled housing complex owned and managed by the Los Angeles County Housing Authority, has a tenant who was convicted of a sexual offense with a minor in January 2003. The offense did not take place at the housing complex. The tenant received a 180-day sentence, served 90 days, and is on probation through January 2006. The tenant is subject to lifetime registration as a serious-risk sex offender. Federal and Housing Authority policies authorize the eviction of a resident who is convicted of a sexual offense with a minor if the crime is committed at the housing complex, or threatens the health, safety or welfare of residents and others.

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"There is a day-care center and K through 5 private school across the street from the Orchard Arms housing complex. Additionally, there are three other schools and several parks in close proximity to Orchard Arms. Residents, school administrators, teachers, and parents are understandably concerned about the presence of a convicted serious-risk sex offender residing in public housing in this community."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Chief Probation Officer, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, County Counsel and the Sheriff were requested to:

- 1. Review and confirm the facts relating to a tenant who resides at Orchard Arms, a Federally-assisted senior and disabled housing complex owned and managed by the County, who was convicted of a sexual offense with a minor in January 2003;
- 2. Enforce all appropriate actions and laws to remove this potential threat to the health, safety and welfare of Orchard Arms residents, the concerned school administrators, teachers and parents, and other residents in the Santa Clarita community; and
- 3. Report back to the Board on a weekly basis until the issue is resolved.

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